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~~DO NOT ENTER~~~~S.B. 11/18/2008~~**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an essence, comprising:

acquisition means for acquiring video and audio data used to create the essence;

creating means for creating said essence and for generating metadata for explaining said essence when creating said essence;

archiving means for archiving said essence and the metadata correlatively with each other;

controlling means for controlling an operation performed on the archived essence based on said metadata to realize asset management for said essence,

wherein the archiving means issues and archives a tag ~~specifying the metadata~~ indicating position or time of the acquisition; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

2. (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an essence, comprising:

acquisition means for acquiring video and audio data used to generate the essence;

generating means for generating the information for explaining said essence;